



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Special Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Wednesday, May 23, 2007

SPECIAL MEETING

The special meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien – Rm. 328-A, Detroit, MI 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**
Arthur Blackwell, II
Erminia Ramirez

Department Personnel Present

AC Robert Dunlap
AC Ralph Godbee, Jr.
DC Tina Tolliver
Lt. Linda Vertin
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Steven Walton
Sgt. Rodney Cox
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Alan Quinn

Board Staff Present

- 1) **Dante' L. Goss**, Executive Director
- 2) **Lawana Ducker**, Personnel Bureau Director
- 3) **Arnold Sheard**, Interim Chief Investigator
- 4) **Denise R. Hooks**, Attorney/Supervising Investigator
- 5) **Leslie Griffin**, Community Affairs Coordinator
- 6) **Kent Cooper**, Police Officer **(ABS)**

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Sandra Hines
Juanita Newton
Lawanda Hail-Griffin
Jeffery Nzoma
Trish Cunningham
Janice Sewell

RECORDERS

Terrence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the special meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3.25 p.m.

2. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Comm. Blackwell read the Resolution for approval of the FY 2007-2008 Budget for the Detroit Police Department.

WHEREAS The Board of Police Commissioners was established in 1974 by Article 7, Chapter 11, of the Detroit City Charter; and

WHEREAS The Board of Police Commissioners is vested by the city charter, through its duties and responsibilities, with the authority to oversee the functions of the Detroit Police Department; and

WHEREAS The Board of Police Commissioners, as one of its responsibilities, is mandated by the city charter to review and approve the budget of the Detroit Police Department; and

WHEREAS The Board of Police Commissioners received from the Police Department its proposed Fiscal Year 2007-08 Budget for consideration; and

WHEREAS The Board of Police Commissioners' Budget Committee examined and supported the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS The Board of Police Commissioners, upon due and proper notice, published in accordance with the law, held a public meeting on May 23, 2007, at which time interested persons were given the opportunity to comment on the proposed budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Board of Police Commissioners has reviewed the proposed Budget, and hereby approves the Annual Budget of the Detroit Police Department for the Fiscal Year 2007-08.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Jim Holley
Chairperson

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Commissioner

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
May 23, 2007

/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
Commissioner

MOTION: Commissioner Okdie made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

SECOND: Commissioner Blackwell seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

J. Newton stated she doesn't agree with the two minutes that is allowed to speak on a very important issue that involves the community. She is here to speak on behalf of the community and especially the youths. There is no liaison or compliant bureau that provides prevention for the youths. She would like to see an annual workshop for adults in the community.

(Atty. Hooks entered the Board meeting)

R. Scott stated that he agrees with everything that Ms. Newton said. He asked if the Board has reviewed how much has been spent on the Consent Decrees because of the recent motion of the police department. He wanted to know what plans are in process for the current Budget to pay for the Consent Decrees. Secondly, how are forfeiture funds being used, and will this Budget assist those groups that are out in the field working. How much money is going toward the multi-task force, and how much money are the other agencies spending. He believes that one of those agencies is involved in a lawsuit and would like someone to speak on this.

AC Godbee stated since 2002, approximately \$24 million dollars. Of that \$24 million, about \$10 million has been for non-employee costs and about 13.9 million has gone towards employee costs. To date, there are about 24 sworn members, 14 civilians whose sole job consists of maintaining, managing and working with the federal monitor to help the department to be in compliance. He stated this can not be litigated publicly.

R. Scott stated he will not attempt to litigate it either, but some of the case laws that were cited in the motion related to non-municipal law and that it is related to community law. He wished that the department would have consulted with Ms. Newton or his group and maybe they could have helped.

D. Hooks stated for the record this is a special meeting for the Budget and requested the Board to stay on point; and Mr. Scott's comments can be taken up during the Board's regular meeting that follows.

R. Scott stated he agrees.

J. Newton stated her testimony was directed towards the police budget.

Chairperson Holley stated that has been taken under advisement.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director

Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb